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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/495,353.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 1, line 5, "08/495,353" should be changed to -09/495,353--. The same typographical error exists on the declaration.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not directed to the invention claimed by applicant, specifically, the modified system of Figure 2. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, it is unclear as to whether "the auto dialer" of line 15 refers to "an auto dialer" of line 5 or "an automatic dialer" of lines 11-12.

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Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-5 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Bergman et al. (US 2002/0163997 A1) teaches an alarm system comprising an alarm unit (control panel 114) in combination with a line seize module (phone-interface device 140),

said alarm unit (114) including a transmitter/receiver (transmitter 225, receiver 235), control panel function (control panel 114), a key pad (input device 120);

said line seize module (140) including an automatic dialer (phone port 277 seizes the telephone line, dials and receives electrical energy through the telephone line; paragraph 47), the line seize module receives an alarm signal from control panel 114 and reports the signal to a remote monitoring station (monitoring station 290) using the autodialer (277) and the public switched telephone network (285).

Bergman et al. differs from independent claim 1 in that it does not teach or fairly suggest the alarm unit (control panel 114) having an autodialer for normally communicating with a remote monitoring station. In Bergman et al., it is only the line seize module (140) which dials out to the telephone network.

Adler et al. (US 5,943,394) shows a control panel (12) with a dialer interface (6) and a dialer intercept module (2). However, the dialer intercept module (2) translates signals from the control panel (12) and does not include a separate autodialer.

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Schull (US 5,901,201), Dillon (US 4,903,292) and Arlinghaus, Jr. (US 5,579,378) show transmitting low frequency, sub-audible signals so that normal telephone operation is not interrupted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stella L. Woo whose telephone number is (703) 305-4395. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on (703) 305-4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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